



BROOKLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

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MEDIA RELEASE

On February 14, 2016 at 4:38 am, 20 year old Kayla Coates was on her way to work when she was killed by a wrong way driver on I-480. The accident occurred between the Ridge Rd entrance ramp and the Tiedeman Rd exit ramp. Kayla was killed instantly upon impact.

The driver of the pickup truck that killed Kayla was identified as 48 year old Mark Rafter of Brooklyn. Rafter survived the crash and remains in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) at Metro Hospital.

The investigation into the accident revealed that it was a deliberate act by Rafter in an apparent suicide attempt. The case was turned over to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit.

On March 9, 2016 the facts of the case were presented to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury by the investigating officer. The following indictment was secured for Mark Rafter:

2903.01(A)	Aggravated Murder
2903.02(B)	Murder
2903.11(A)(1)	Felonious Assault
2903.11(A)(2)	Felonious Assault
2903.06(A)(2)(a)	Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

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